



J. N. Spiro

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1437 Newark Avenue Newark, N. J.

14 Burr Road Maplewood, N. J.

New Jersey Cents on Consignment to Eric P Newman Oct 10/49

12-G	without Coulter	rare	\$6.00
12-I	" "	"	5.00
15-J		scarce	3.00
16-L	without break on right	rare thus	2.00
17-b	Small glange with fine reverse		2.50
17-b	" " with breaks on obverse		1.75
17-K			2.00
18-J	seldom met with and very scarce		4.50
20-N	Another hard to get variety		4.50
21-O	This is a very rare coin, and a gem		12.00
23-P	Not a rare coin, but in unusaul shape		5.00
23-P	Shows both breaks on obv. and nice		4.50
23-R	Coice coin out of famous Collection		5.00
28-S	V. Rare <del>A</del> verse, as are all with "S"		10.00 Gem
29-L	Ball Handles Scarce		3.00
31-L	Scarce coin in fine shape-shows breaks		7.50
33-U	Very nice coin for this variety		5.00
34-J	Over Conn. Reverse always flat		3.00
37-F	Goitre	scarce	4.00
38-Y	Unusally claeir impression		3.00
38-Z	choice for this varicity		4.00
38-c	Nice clear specimen		3.50
39-a	shows original red, not cleaned		2.50
45-d	This is of great razyety- believe me.		7.50
45-e	Scarce, and hard to find		3.50
48-g	Very choice of a com-on coin		7.50
48-f	Very rare combination		4.00
53-j	fairly scarce		2.75
59-o	"saw Tooth" V. G. for this coin		4.00
58-m	U on reverse R2		2.00
58-l	This is a rare bird, indeed		8.00
58-n	Over Conn. and ex. rare		7.50
62-q	break on obverse	scarce	2.75
63-r	a very rare reverse, I mean RARE		6.50
63-s	Bent- but clear		1.00
64-U	Another very rare reverse		4.00
65-u	Rare, but from rusty dies		6.00
68-w	Another rare bird, and one of the best		10.00



October 5, 1949

Mr. J. N. Spiro  
14 Burr Read  
Maplewood, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Spiro:

We had too much baseball here for me to dig out the information you requested in your letter of August 11, 1949. The New Jersey cents which I have are the following numbers:

6C	28 L	60 p
6D	30 L	61 p
11 H	32 T	63 q
14 J	43 d	64 t
15 T	44 d	66 v
15 L	46 e	67 v
18 M	48 g	72 z
21 N	50 f	75 bb
24 P	54 k	77 dd
24 R	56 n	78 dd

I also have the Immunis Columbia with the New Jersey reverse, and I wonder if you have one.

My 77 dd is uncirculated glossy and is a gorgeous coin, having come from the Jackman sale. I have an interesting misstrike with half of the coin restruck on each side. I have a duplicate of the Mark Newby farthing in silver. As far as my New Jersey paper money is concerned, I have five volumes of it. I don't imagine you are interested in the first volume, which is the Colonial issues. I think Mr. Gilliston has all of the bank notes, and I am merely enclosing a list of the scrip and private issues.

I have a few interesting New Jersey overstrikes over an Irish half penny, Connecticut cent, Vermont cent, etc.

Hope the enclosed information does you some good.

Sincerely yours,

EPNewman/me

J. N. SPIRO

*Leather*

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August 11 1949

Eric P. Newman, Esq.  
Edison Brothers Stores,  
315 Washington Ave  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr Newman:

Your most interesting letter came today, and as it is too hot for the leather business, I am in my cool office, below decks, doing some numismatic correspondence. My mail sure piles up.

Yes, I am still hard at it, tho Hobbies has never yielded a wrth-while buy. The nearest to a nice thing was this summer. A lady has a very early Mass. note, and turned down my offer, which was most liberal. Had I offered her five times as much, it would still be turned down. If I had said two dollars, I might have gotten it, but \$25. made her think it was worth a thousand. Still, I shall continue to advertise, with the hopes of hitting the "jack-pot".

No, the new varieties of N J Cents have not been pictured as yet, tho I expect to be able to do that, when I get out my book on all New Jersey numismatic material. I hope to cover; Colonial notes and coins, obsolete banks and scrip, Municipal scrip, various tokens, plus much information of historical interest, pertaining to these issues.

I would like to see your list of Jersey Cents, according to Maris, also a list of your N J paper money. If there is anything I can use in the latter, I probably could fix you up with some N J Cents you lack.

If you ever get to New York, we are about a hour away, and I would be glad to show you my stuff.

Cordially yours,

*Jacob Newman Spiro*



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Oct 10 1949

Eric P Newamm, Esq  
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315 Washington Ave  
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Dear Mr Newman:

I was pleased to get you letter, with lists, and must say, you have quite a nice lot of N.J. items. If these originated from Mr Johnston, St Louis Stamp & Coin, I saw them all several years back, as he sent me his entire stock, as bought from Col. Green. Only Dilliston beat me to the state bank notes of Green's. Still I have far more of these, plus private and city scrip. I started Dilliston collecting about ten years ago, and he is an ardent student, as you perhaps know.

Enclosed is a list of Jersey Cents, with prices, that I shall submit on approval, if you desire. This lot represents many years of hunting, and would take years to assemble again, with less sources available. From experience, you will find my descriptive remarks are accurate, and when I say rare, like 21-O, 28-S, 55-1, 58-n, 68-w, you will find that so. Those specimens are probably better than you may ever have offered again.

You have a nice lot of Col. Notes, with some rare birds: June 14 1757 30s., the three 1780 and the 1786 all being darn rare. If you don't collect plate letters, do so, as you will find there are other details on the notes that vary, so quite a great deal.

I do have the Immunis N.J., and also the 7-F with date under beam. Also the silver Mark Newby. I have five N.J. Cents that Maris did not know of, which is sumptin'. Eh? I do hope you get East some day, and that I still can show you the best in New Jersey of all coins or paper, plus one of the greatest of all the Colonies. Continental and Vermont complete, plus many EARLY Mass. N.H., N.Y., N.C., etc. Early means from 1708 to 1755, of which I must have well over a hundred. So you will get a treat, if you ever get here.

Cordially yours,

J. N. Spiro -

Your 77dd I believe I saw. (\$60.) that is if Johnson had it. It was perfection itself, with a hair scratch, reddish color. It is worth a hundred, and I could get that much for it.

I new without

October 20, 1949

Mr. J. N. Spiro  
14 Burr Road  
Maplewood, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Spiro:

Your letter of October 10, 1949 really shocked me. I had no idea that you had such a marvelous collection of early Colonial notes. I respectfully look forward to the time when I can look over many of these. I have always wondered where many of these notes were, as the Scott Paper Money Catalog of Colonial bills shows them to be in existence and yet you hardly ever see them offered for sale. I have looked over the Emmett collection in the New York Public Library and also have seen Harley Freeman's collection. It seems as though your collection must give both of them a back seat. Of course, the Chapman collection probably has a few even you could use.

I probably did not make it clear to you, but I do not collect the die varieties of New Jersey cents. I have about 15 in a frame and have more or less stopped there. The 77-dd I imagine is the same coin you refer to as having been sent to you by Johnson.

Incidentally, I am working now on a paper on counterfeit British half pence coined in America and am wondering if you have among your things any British half pence dated 1778, 1784, 1787 or 1788 which I might either see or acquire. I am only interested in these which have the same wording as on the British half pence and not the so-called Bungtowns which have the various novelty wordings. You may have some of these in English junk, which is where everyone-else keeps them.

If you have 5 New Jersey cents which Maris does not list, why don't you take them to the American Numismatic Society some day and have them photographed, and write a little article for one of the magazines, illustrating these additional items. I assume that you have all the additional ones which are known, but if there are others let's locate them and have them photographed also.

Looking forward to seeing you some day in the future.

Sincerely yours,

August 8, 1949

Mr. J. N. Spiro  
14 Burro Road  
Maplewood, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Spiro:

For many years I have realized that you have a lovely collection of New Jersey items, and I notice from your ad in Hobbies Magazine that you are still going strong.

At the moment I am working over my New Jersey colonial coins and need a bit of information, and thought it would be easier for you to furnish it than to try to dig it out myself.

I would like to know if the photographs and descriptions of the various New Jersey cents which are not listed in Maris have ever been properly published. If my memory serves me correctly, there are about six items which were not included in the Maris list, but I have no idea where I get that information. I note in the Index to the Numismatist that there is an article in Volume XXXI, pages 206 and 259, by George R. Ross, with respect to classification of New Jersey cents, but I have not had an opportunity to look at it. Would you be kind enough to enlighten me on the question of these additional varieties?

Those of you who are able to specialize on your home state are indeed fortunate. I, too, innocently started that way but have branched into almost every American field as a specialty. I have a number of items of New Jersey scrip in my paper money collection which I might part with if my colonial coin collection or colonial paper money collection can be improved, but perhaps you have all of the New Jersey scrip which I might have.

I have a number of interesting specimens of New Jersey overstrikes showing planchets used of English half pennies, Irish half pennies, Connecticut cents, and even New York struck over New Jersey.

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Mr. J. N. Spiro

August 8, 1949

I practically ruined my eyes preparing the die varieties of the Fugio cents, published earlier this year in the Coin Collectors' Journal.

Would enjoy hearing from you if you can help me with the above.

Sincerely yours,

EPMnewman/me

October 27, 1953

Mr. J. N. Spiro  
14 Burr Road  
Maplewood, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Spiro:

In your letter to me of August 11, 1949 you indicated that some day you were going to publish the unlisted varieties of New Jersey cents which you have in your collection and I, for one, have been looking forward to that information. In the meantime I am completing an article on Machin's Mill coinage and would appreciate it very much if you will be kind enough to check your new varieties of New Jersey cents and let me know whether you have a coin which is from the same die as the enclosed photograph. The item enclosed is a muling of a Non Vi with a New Jersey reverse and appears to be the only specimen known -- being in the Garrett collection.

I am very anxious to know whether there are any other uses of the reverse die as it is not mentioned in Maris.

Would you be kind enough to let me know and return the photograph to me.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb



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14 Burr Road Maplewood N J

Nov 10 1953

Dear Mr Newman:

I have been very busy with my leather business for some time, as it requires more effort to keep sold up now, than it did a year ago. So, that is my excuse for not answering yours of Oct 27th any sooner.

The reverse on the photo you enclose is entirely new to me, and as far as I know, is unknown on any other N J Cent.

In Maris's sale of his N J Cents, he had an electro of this coin, or a similar one. I believe one of these coins up in a sale about 20 years ago, and it might well be the one you have the photo of.

I am keeping your letter before me, and in the very near future will send you a list of new varieties, either entirely new obverses or reverses, or combinations of those known to Maris, meaning the types he knew, but in combinations that he did not know of. In all, I think I can give you about ten new ones, insofar as Dr Maris goes.

Cordially yours,

I'm still hot for N J obsolete paper money, so if you run across any, I'd be grateful.



March 9, 1954

Mr. J. N. Spiro  
14 Burr Road  
Maplewood, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Spiro:

On November 10, 1953 you wrote me that you would send me, in the near future, a list of the new varieties and new combinations of New Jersey cements. I think it would be excellent to have these published and if I could get pictures of the new varieties that would be fine.

How about finding a little spare time to do this?

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb